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equally among his sons Richard, Theoderick Bland and John, when Richard shall come of age, "also that my children be educated in the best manner without regard to expense as far as their fortunes may allow even to the last shilling, and that they choose professions or trade agreeable to their inclination." Theoderick Bland and Col. John Banister executors. Dated July 25, 1774. By codicil Thomas Randolph of Dungeness also made an executor. Proved in Chesterfield Co. Oct. 3d, 1775.

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TAYLOR OF SOUTHAMPTON, &C.

1. **ETHELDRED¹ TAYLOR** of Surry County, Va., is the earliest member of the family who can be traced and was probably the emigrant. The brothers and sister named in his will cannot be traced in the records of Surry or Isle of Wight and it is likely they were residents of England. Etheldred Taylor appears in the records of Surry in 1702. He was appointed Sheriff of that County in 1710, his bond bearing date July 4th. He married Elizabeth widow of James Mason, of Surry. James Mason in his will, dated June 9, 1696, named his wife Elizabeth. On March 2, 1702, Etheldred and Elizabeth Taylor presented an inventory of the estate of James Mason, deceased, and on May 4, 1705, Taylor filed a supplementary inventory. There is in Surry a deed dated Feb. 15, 1714, from Nathaniel Harrison, Esq., Wm. Robinson, of Williamsburg, and Nathaniel Ridley, of Isle of Wight Co., gentlemen, conveying to Etheldred Taylor of Surry Co., 332 acres in Lawnes Creek Parish in that County. Etheldred Taylor died in 1716. The following is an abstract of his will,¹ which was dated March 31 1716, and proved in Surry on June 26, of the same year. He says he is much indisposed but of sound mind. To son Samuel Taylor his plantation on Poketank Swamp purchased from the trustees of Joseph John Jackman, deceased, with all the land lying on the same side of Coker Branch. To son Henry Taylor all the land lying on the other side of Coker Branch adjoining the lands of John Bruton and Samuel Cornwell. To son Etheldred Taylor all lands on Lightwood Swamp. To son William Taylor lands purchased of Joseph and John High. To wife Elizabeth the labor of mulatto man John and negro woman Lucy, for her life, and at her death they are to be sold and proceeds equally divided among his living children. To his wife her riding horse and saddle. To son Samuel two negroes, he to pay Etheldred £14 current money. To son Henry two negroes, he to pay William £6 current money. To son Etheldred one negro. The two houses at Poketank Swamp to be finished at the cost of the estate. To his brothers Samuel and John and sister Rebecca 20 shillings each to buy them rings. To John Clements two cows. To his loving wife and sons Samuel, Henry,

Etheldred and William all the rest of estate, wife Elizabeth sole executrix.

The inventory of the personal estate of Etheldred Taylor, deceased, was recorded Nov. 21, 1716. Total value £201.19.1½. Among the items were a sun-dial and a chaffing dish.

Issue: 2. Samuel²; 3. Henry²; 4. Etheldred²; 5. William².

2. SAMUEL² TAYLOR, of Surry County made a deed Feb. 15, 1734, to Thomas Drew, conveying 166 acres in Lawnes Creek Parish. He is named in the will of his brother William, March 8, 1735. No attempt has been made to trace him or his descendants, if any.

3. HENRY² TAYLOR, lived first in Surry and afterwards in Charles City Co. There is in Surry a deed dated Feb. 16, 1734, from Henry Taylor of Lawnes Creek parish, conveying to William Batts 166 acres in that parish.

In Isle of Wight County is a deed dated Aug. 5, 1735, from Henry Taylor, mariner, to Etheldred Taylor, of Isle of Wight County, conveying 350 acres on Lightwood Swamp, Isle of Wight, where said Etheldred Taylor now lives. Also a deed, dated June 17, 1743, from Henry Taylor, of Charles City County and Charlotte his wife, conveying to Etheldred Taylor, of Isle of Wight, gentleman, 300 acres of Isle of Wight, bought by said Henry Taylor in 1740. Also deed March 25, 1745, from Henry Taylor, of Charles City County to Etheldred Taylor of Isle of Wight, conveying 240 acres in Isle of Wight, adjoining Lightwood Swamp.

The old will and deed books of Charles City have been destroyed; but the following notices are given by the order books. June 1744, Henry Taylor appointed a justice of Charles City County. March 1749, the will of Henry Taylor was presented by Etheldred and William Taylor executors, and proved, and it was ordered that his estate in Charles City and Brunswick Counties be appraised.

In the absence of the will his children are conjectural; but it is believed that they were 6. Charles; 7. Charlotte married Rev. Samuel Smith McCroskey.

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